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SUBJECT:

THERE FOLLOWS TEST OF PRESIDENT KORUTURK'S REPLY TO
PRESIDENT NIXON'S MESSAGE OF JULY 20, 1974.

BEGIN QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT
OF YOUR MESSAGE WHICH WAS TRANSMITTED TO ME ON JULY 20,
1974, BY THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES IN ANKARA.

THE MILITARY INTERVENTION UNDERTAKEN BY TURKEY IN
CYPRUS ON JULY 20, 1974, AS IT HAS BEEN EXPLAINED TO
MR. SISCO, ARISED FROM A MOST GRAVE ACTION OF GREECE WITH
THE PURPOSE OF THE ANNEXATION OF THE ISLAND WITHIN THE
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CONTEXT OF A SERIES OF FAIT-ACCOMPLIS WHICH THE GREEK

GOVERNMENT CONTINUED TO CREATE SINCE 1963. THE AIM OF THE INTERVENTION IS TO SAFEGUARD THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF THE INDEPENDENT REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS AND TO SECURE PEACE IN THE ISLAND AND REGION.

AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE INTERNATIONAL TREATIES MAKE OBLIGATORY FOR TURKEY THE FULFILLMENT OF THIS DUTY.

THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY STILL KEEPS OPEN THE CHANNELS OF NEGOTIATION WHICH DID NOT PRODUCE SO FAR ANY RESULT IN HER EFFORTS TO SAFEGUARD BY PEACEFUL MEANS THE

INDEPENDENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF THE COMMUNITIES IN THE ISLAND.

I APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS OF YOUR EXCELLENCY, AS WELL AS THOSE OF ALL OUR ALLIES, IN ORDER THAT THE ACTION WHICH WE UNDERTOOK ON JULY 20, 1974 WOULD NOT BRING ABOUT A BREACH IN THE NATO ALLIANCE. I HOPE THAT THESE EFFORTS WILL BE SUCCESSFUL AND I WISH WHOLEHEARTEDLY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THEM AS A TRUE FRIEND AND STRONG ALLY.

I HOPE YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY HAS LIVED THROUGH EXPERIENCE IN THE PAST IN CYPRUS WHICH SHOWED THAT IT CANNOT SOLELY

DEPEND ON POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS, THUS BECOMING A SPECTATOR TO A POSSIBLE ACT OF GENOCIDE AND THAT SHE HAS OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

THE MAIN QUESTION IS TO PREVENT A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE ARMED FORCES OF TURKEY AND GREECE.

IT WOULD BE BEFITTING THAT THE WEIGHT OF THE AMERICAN INFLUENCE BE DIRECTED TO THAT END AS INDICATED IN YOUR MESSAGE. SINCERELY, S/S FAHRI KORUTURK, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY. INGERSOLL

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